

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device controlled by a processor, said gaming device comprising:

a plurality of reels controlled by the at least one processor, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols;

a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels, the plurality of different paylines including a first payline;

a plurality of different fixedpredetermined modifiers including a first predetermined modifier, each of said different fixedpredetermined modifiers associated with a different one of said paylines, wherein the first predetermined modifier is associated with the first payline for each play of a game;

a plurality of different winning combinations of symbols adapted to occur on said paylines; and

wherein the at least one processor is programmed for a play of the game to:

(a) activate said reels,

(b) determine whether any one of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations occurred on any of the paylines, and

(c) provide at least one outcome adapted to be provided to a player when one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination and the predetermined modifier associated with the payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.

Claim 2 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the paylines include at least one of: a horizontally extending payline, a vertically extending payline, a diagonally extending payline and any combination of these paylines.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein each of the paylines are numbered successively—and—the—value—of—each—of—the—plurality—of different fixed modifiers is based on the number of the respective payline.

Claim 4 (original): The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein the value of the modifiers increase by a predetermined amount for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 5 (original): The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein the value of the modifiers increase sequentially for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 6 (original): The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein the value of the modifiers increase by a predetermined factor for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 7 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of the paylines is predetermined.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one input device controlled by the at least one processor, wherein the input device is operable to enable the player to input wager amounts for each of the paylines in a successive order of the paylines.

Claim 9 (original): The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the paylines modified by the modifiers respectively associated with said paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said respective paylines.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one input device controlled by the at least one processor, wherein the input device is operable to enable the player to input a same wager amount for each of a plurality of the paylines.

Claim 11 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one input device controlled by the processor, wherein the input device is operable to enable a player to input a same wager amount for all of the paylines.

Claim 12 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the outcome includes for each payline on which a winning combination occurs the award associated with said winning symbol combination modified by the modifier associated with the payline.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A gaming device controlled by a processor, said gaming device comprising:

a plurality of reels controlled by the at least one processor, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols;

a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels, the paylines including a first payline;

a plurality of different fixed predetermined multipliers including a first multiplier, each of said different fixed predetermined multipliers associated with a different one of said paylines, wherein the first predetermined multiplier is associated with the first payline for each play of a game;

a plurality of different winning combinations of symbols adapted to occur on each of the paylines; and

wherein the at least one processor is programmed for a play of the game to:

- (a) activate said reels,
- (b) determine whether any one of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations occurred on any of the paylines, and
- (c) provide at least one outcome adapted to be provided to a player when one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination multiplied by the predetermined multiplier associated with the payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.

Claim 14 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the paylines include at least one of: a horizontally extending payline, a vertically extending payline, a diagonally extending payline and any combination of these paylines.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein each of the paylines are numbered successively and the value of each of the plurality of different fixed predetermined multipliers is based on the number of the paylines.

Claim 16 (original): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein the value of the multipliers increase by a predetermined amount for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 17 (original): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein the value of the multipliers increase sequentially for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 18 (original): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein the value of the multipliers increase by a predetermined factor for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 19 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the number of the paylines is predetermined.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 13, which includes at least one input device controlled by the at least one processor, wherein the input device is operable to enable the player to input wager amounts for each of the paylines in a successive order of the paylines.

Claim 21 (original): The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the paylines multiplied by the multipliers respectively associated with said paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said paylines.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 13, which includes at least one input device controlled by the at least one processor, wherein the input device is operable to enable the player to input a same wager amount for a plurality of the paylines.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 13, which includes at least one input device controlled by the at least one processor, wherein the input device is operable to enable the player to input a same wager amount for all of the paylines.

Claim 24 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the outcome includes for each payline on which a winning combination occurs the award associated with said winning symbol combination modified by the multiplier associated with said payline.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) providing a game;

(ab) displaying a plurality of reels and a plurality of different paylines including a first payline to a player, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols, wherein said paylines are associated with said reels, and wherein a different fixed predetermined modifier is associated with each of said paylines, the predetermined modifiers including a first predetermined modifier, wherein the first predetermined modifier is associated with the first payline for each play of the game; and

wherein a play of the game includes:

(bij) activating the reels;

(eij) determining whether any one of a plurality of different winning symbol combinations occurred on any of the paylines; and

(diji) providing an outcome to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination and the predetermined modifier associated with said payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The method of Claim 25, which includes having the paylines successively numbered ~~and setting the value for each of the plurality of different fixed modifiers based on the successively numbered paylines.~~

Claim 27 (original): The method of Claim 26, which includes having increased values of the modifiers for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 28 (original): The method of Claim 26, which includes having sequentially increased values of the modifiers for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 29 (original): The method of Claim 26, which includes enabling the player to sequentially input a wager amount for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 30 (original): The method of Claim 25, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for each of the paylines in a successive order.

Claim 31 (original): The method of Claim 25, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for each of a plurality of the paylines.

Claim 32 (original): The method of Claim 25, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for all of the paylines.

Claim 33 (original): The method of Claim 25, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the paylines modified by the modifiers respectively associated with said paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said respective paylines.

Claim 34 (original): The method of Claim 25, wherein the outcome includes for each payline on which a winning combination occurs the award associated with said winning combination modified by the modifier associated with said payline.

Claim 35 (original): The method of Claim 25, which includes operating the gaming device through a data network.

Claim 36 (original): The method of Claim 35, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 37 (currently amended): The method of Claim 25, wherein computer instructions for implementing steps (a) to (eb) are stored in a memory device.

Claim 38 (currently amended): A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a game;

(b) displaying a plurality of reels and a plurality of different paylines to a player including a first payline, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols, wherein said paylines are associated with said reels, and wherein a different fixed predetermined multiplier is associated with each of said paylines, the different predetermined multipliers include a first multiplier, and wherein the first predetermined multiplier is associated with the first payline for each play of the game;

(c) providing a plurality of different winning symbol combinations adapted to occur on each of the paylines; and

wherein a play of the game includes:

(i) activating the reels;

(ii) determining whether any one of said plurality of different winning symbol combinations occurred on any of the paylines; and

(iii) providing an outcome to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the outcome is based on an award associated with the winning symbol combination multiplied by the predetermined multiplier associated with said payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.

Claim 39 (currently amended): The method of Claim 38, which includes having the paylines successively numbered and setting a value for each of the plurality of different fixed predetermined multipliers based on the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 40 (original): The method of Claim 39, which includes having increased values of the multipliers for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 41 (original): The method of Claim 39, which includes having sequentially increased values of the multipliers for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 42 (original): The method of Claim 39, which includes enabling the player to sequentially input a wager amount for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 43 (currently amended): The method of Claim 38, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for each of the paylines in a successive order.

Claim 44 (original): The method of Claim 38, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for each of a plurality of the paylines.

Claim 45 (original): The method of Claim 38, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for all of the paylines.

Claim 46 (original): The method of Claim 38, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the paylines modified by the multipliers respectively associated with said paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said respective paylines.

Claim 47 (original): The method of Claim 38, wherein the outcome includes for each payline on which a winning combination occurs the award associated with said winning combination multiplied by the multiplier associated with said payline.

Claim 48 (original): The method of Claim 38, which includes operating the gaming device through a data network.

Claim 49 (original): The method of Claim 48, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 50 (currently amended): The method of Claim 38, wherein computer instructions for implementing steps (a) to (e) are stored in a memory device.

Claim 51 (new): A gaming device comprising:

a plurality of reels controlled by at least one processor, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols;

a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels, wherein each of the paylines are numbered successively;

a plurality of different predetermined modifiers, each of said different predetermined modifiers associated with a different one of said paylines, wherein the value of each of the plurality of different predetermined modifiers is based on the number of the respective payline;

a plurality of different winning combinations of symbols adapted to occur on said paylines; and

at least one total award provable to a player when one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the total award is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination and the predetermined modifier associated with the payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.

Claim 52 (new): A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

- (a) displaying a plurality of reels and a plurality of different paylines to a player, wherein each of the paylines are numbered successively, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols, wherein said paylines are associated with said reels, and wherein a different predetermined modifier is associated with each of said paylines and the value of each of the plurality of different predetermined modifiers is based on the number of the respective payline;
- (b) activating the reels;
- (c) determining whether any one of a plurality of different winning symbol combinations occurred on any of the paylines; and
- (d) providing a total award to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the total award is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination and the predetermined modifier associated with said payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.

Claim 53 (new): The method of Claim 52, which includes operating the gaming device through a data network.

Claim 54 (new): The method of Claim 53, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 55 (new): A gaming device comprising:

a plurality of reels controlled by at least one processor, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols;

a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels, the plurality of different paylines including a first payline;

a plurality of different predetermined modifiers including a first predetermined modifier, each of said different predetermined modifiers associated with a different one of said paylines, wherein the value of each of the plurality of different predetermined modifiers is based on the number of the respective payline and the first predetermined modifier is associated with the first payline for each play of a game;

a plurality of different winning combinations of symbols adapted to occur on said paylines; and

wherein the at least one processor is programmed for a play of the game to:

(a) activate said reels,

(b) determine whether any one of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations occurred on any of the paylines, and

(c) provide at least one outcome adapted to be provided to a player when one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination and the predetermined modifier associated with the payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.

Claim 56 (new): A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

- (a) providing a game;
- (b) displaying a plurality of reels and a plurality of different paylines including a first payline to a player, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols, wherein said paylines are associated with said reels, and wherein a different predetermined modifier is associated with each of said paylines, the predetermined modifiers including a first predetermined modifier; wherein the first predetermined modifier is associated with the first payline for each play of the game; and

wherein a play of the game includes:

- (i) activating the reels,
- (ii) determining whether any one of a plurality of different winning symbol combinations occurred on any of the paylines, and
- (iii) providing an outcome to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination and the predetermined modifier associated with said payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.